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Subject: Extension of Surety Request, Basin Perlite Company, Pearl Queen Perlite Mine,
M/001/027, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On August 12, 2003, we received your telefaxed letter requesting a 60-day time extension to our September 16, 2003 deadline to file a replacement reclamation surety for the Pearl Queen Perlite Mine, M/001/027. We acknowledge the difficulties and extenuating circumstances you are encountering in obtaining a new surety. We understand that you are currently contemplating the alternative bonding proposal that we proposed in our August 5, 2003 response letter. Accordingly, the Division hereby grants your request for a 60-day extension from September 16, 2003 to November 17, 2003 to have an acceptable surety in place.

It is essential that we keep the communication lines open during this process, so that we can continue to support your efforts in resolving this bonding concern. We hope to continue working together to find a reasonable and acceptable solution to this matter, as expeditiously as possible. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5286.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
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